

GHOSTS IN THE JUNGLE

SCENARIO ASL TAC 61

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BARRIGADA, GUAM, 2 AUGUST 1944:

After the successful landings led by the Marines of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and the 3rd Marine Division, the American foothold on Guam was no longer threatened. The 77th Infantry Division was entrusted with the task of mopping up the island in the face of a greatly weakened enemy, one still capable of determined resistance. The Barrigada district, in the north-eastern part of the island, was the scene of heavy fighting; the Japanese were desperately resisting access to the village and were clinging to the edge of the jungle that lay to the east. The first attack on the 'Green House' by B Company, 307th Regimental Combat Team, had failed by the afternoon of the 2nd, with the result that the left flank of the battalion was now exposed. In order to re-establish contact with B Company, now cut-off to the north-west, Company G was dispatched to take and hold the area with the help of some light tanks.

BOARD PLACEMENT:



BALANCE:

☆ M5A1s are Recalled at the beginning of Turn 5

Only hexrows R to GG are playable.












● M5A1s are Recalled at the beginning of Turn 3

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The American wins at game end if they have exited ≥ 12 VP of Good Order Infantry off the north edge of the map-board on/east of hex row Y, **OR** if they have ≥ 10 VP of Good order infantry on/east of hex row V.

● JAPANESE set up first	☆	1	☆	2	3	4	5	6	7	END
☆ AMERICANS move first										













Elements of 18th Infantry Regiment [ELR:4]

Set up West of Alternate hexgrain X0/DD10 AND South of hexgrain R0/GG8 {SAN:6}:

 1 4 ⁺ 4-7	 2-2-8	 9-1	 8-0	 3 HMG 3 6-14	 2 MMG 2 4-11	 1 LMG 1 2-8	 2 MTR 2 50*(1-16)*	 1 ATR 1 1-12	 7 7 mortar	 5 Foxhole 5 1S DVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
7	3						2		12	6

G company, 307th Infantry Regiment and elements of D Company, 706th Tank Battalion [ELR: 4]

Enter as indicated {SAN:2}:

	2nd Platoon enter on Turn 1 on/between GG4 and GG7	3rd Platoon enter on Turn 1 on/between BB0 and GG1	Elements of D Company: enter on Turn 1 on Y1
	 2 6 ⁺ 6-7  2 6 ⁺ 6-6  9-1  5 5th MMG 5	 3 6 ⁺ 6-6  8-0	 17 37LL 2/4/2  3
	1st Platoon enter on Turn 2 on/between GG4 and GG10		
	 3 6 ⁺ 6-6  8-1		

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SSR:

- EC are moderate with a Mild Breeze blowing from the North. PTO Terrain is in effect with Dense Jungle. Place the following overlays: **Wd5** in W7-W8, **Wd3** in V5-U6, **Wd4** in V4-U4 and **X9** in X6.
- Two Japanese squad-equivalents may setup HIP in addition to the standard 10% allowance(G1.631).
- The M5A1s are placed under Recall at the start of Turn 4.
- The M5A1s may not enter, nor move adjacent to a hex occupied by any non-HIP Japanese unit [EXC: Recall]. (Japanese Dummy Stacks are considered enemy Units, see Index). M5A1 crews may not Voluntarily Abandon their vehicles.

AFTERMATH: Contradictory orders caused confusion from the start of the assault. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons advanced in leap-frog fashion, supported by the fire of 4 M5A1s. But the tanks and infantry were uncoordinated and the American tankers showed even less bravery when the enemy remained totally unseen, except for the fire of light weapons from the jungle. The 1st Platoon arrived at the scene of the battle and the "Green House" was taken. At this point the M5A1s withdrew, allowing the Japanese to begin anew their deadly fire. Casualties mounted and the attackers were pinned down, unable to ascertain the enemy positions. Later reinforcement by Company H and several more tanks finally allowed the Americans to withdraw. The isolated 1st platoon had lost 26 GIs, most of whom had been killed by an enemy they never saw.